

RENTON CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

April 9, 2001
Monday, 7:30 p.m.

Council Chambers
Municipal Building

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jesse Tanner led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and called the meeting of the Renton City Council to order.

**ROLL CALL OF
COUNCILMEMBERS**

DAN CLAWSON, Council President; TONI NELSON; RANDY CORMAN; DON PERSSON; KING PARKER; TERRI BRIERE; KATHY KEOLKER-WHEELER.

**CITY STAFF IN
ATTENDANCE**

JESSE TANNER, Mayor; JAY COVINGTON, Chief Administrative Officer; LAWRENCE J. WARREN, City Attorney; MARILYN PETERSEN, City Clerk; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator; JIM SHEPHERD, Community Services Director; BETTY NOKES, Economic Development Director; VICTORIA RUNKLE, Finance & Information Services Administrator; MIKE WEBBY, Human Resources & Risk Management Administrator; DEREK TODD, Assistant to the CAO; COMMANDER ROBERT SEELYE, Police Department.

PROCLAMATION
“Days of Remembrance” –
April 15 to April 22

A proclamation by Mayor Tanner was read, declaring the week of April 15 through April 22, 2001, to be “Days of Remembrance” in the City of Renton, in memory of the victims of the Holocaust and in honor of the survivors, and encouraging all citizens to strive to overcome intolerance and indifference through learning and remembrance. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE PROCLAMATION AS READ. CARRIED.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION
Human Services: Renton Youth
Day Program

Betty Nokes, Economic Development Director, invited Marlana Rose, President, and Randy Holt, Vice President, of Metropolitan Images for Youth to report on the 5th annual Renton Youth Day event being held on April 14th at Carco Theater.

Mr. Holt reported that the mission of the Metropolitan Images for Youth organization is to work with the youth in Renton and neighboring areas in an effort to empower and promote their physical, mental, emotional, and financial wellness. Explaining how much the Renton Youth Day event has grown, Mr. Holt described the various activities that are scheduled to take place, such as celebrity speakers, gift raffles, an art display, and talent show. He thanked the City for its assistance with Renton Youth Day, and invited the Mayor and Councilmembers to take part in the event.

Ms. Rose explained that the philosophy of the organization is that a young mind is a positive or a negative work in progress, and the community plays a vital role in shaping the minds of the youth. In order to provide youth with tools for success and lifelong learning, the organization engages in hands-on interactive programs throughout the year. Ms. Rose also expressed her appreciation for the City’s support of the Renton Youth Day event.

**ADMINISTRATIVE
REPORT**

Chief Administrative Officer Jay Covington reviewed a written administrative report summarizing the City’s recent progress towards goals and work programs adopted as part of its business plan for 2001 and beyond. Items noted included:

- * The City has secured a total of \$3,610,000 in transportation grants so far this year, including a \$63,000 Transportation Hazard Elimination Safety Grant for the Monster Rd./SW 68th Ave. project.
- * Upcoming groups performing at Carco Theater include "Mexico Vivo," on Wednesday, April 11th at 7:00 p.m.; and "Kickshaw," on Wednesday, April 18th at 7:00 p.m.

AUDIENCE COMMENT

Citizen Comment: Coddington – Garbage Collection

Jim Coddington, 536 Wells Ave. S., Renton, 98055, described the difficulties he has encountered with the City and Waste Management-Rainier in his effort to obtain an \$80 credit on his garbage bill. He explained that the problem concerns garbage collection at a rental property he owns and reported that he recently discussed the matter with Councilman Parker, Utility Billing staff, and Derek Todd, Assistant to the Chief Administrative Officer, in an effort to resolve the problem. Expressing his disappointment in the City's handling of the issue, Mr. Coddington announced his decision to sell his rental properties.

Citizen Comment: Springer – Renton Youth Day Program

John J. Springer, 19311 SE 243rd Pl., Covington, 98042, stated that he actively works with youth at risk, and recommended that the City support and encourage activities that acknowledge the importance of our youth, for they are Renton's future. He encouraged the City to support not only Renton Youth Day, but to continue to support youth throughout the year.

Citizen Comment: Giuliani – Airport Advisory Committee Membership

John R. Giuliani, 1400 S. 7th St., Renton, 98055, commented on an article that appeared in the *Renton Reporter* concerning the City's Airport Advisory Committee. He questioned whether all affected neighborhoods are represented on the Committee, particularly the Renton Hill neighborhood.

Mayor Tanner clarified that he has not yet appointed anyone to the Airport Advisory Committee. Councilmembers Clawson and Keolker-Wheeler affirmed that all affected neighborhoods will have a designee on the Committee, including Renton Hill.

CONSENT AGENDA

Items on the consent agenda are adopted by one motion which follows the listing.

Council Minutes of April 2, 2001

Approval of Council minutes of April 2, 2001. Council concur.

Community Services: 2001 Waterfowl Management Interlocal Agreement

Community Services Department recommended approval of the annual interlocal agreement for waterfowl removal (continuation of egg addling program and study), at a cost of \$1,550. Council concur.

Annexation: Lee, Hoquiam Ave NE & NE 9th St

Economic Development, Neighborhoods and Strategic Planning Department submitted 60% Notice of Intent to Annex for the proposed Lee Annexation; approximately 12 acres located east of Hoquiam Ave. NE (142nd Ave. SE) north of NE 9th St. (if extended) and west of 144th Ave. SE (if extended); and recommended a public hearing be set for 4/23/2001 to consider the petition. Council concur.

Plat: Jacques 24th Street, NE 24th St (PP-00-127)

Hearing Examiner recommended approval, with conditions, of the Jacques 24th Street preliminary plat; 11 single-family lots on 1.78 acres located on NE 24th St. between Aberdeen Ave. NE and Edmonds Ave. NE (PP-00-127). Council concur.

Legal: Legal Services Contract, Warren, Barber & Fontes, PS

Legal Division recommended approval of a contract with Warren, Barber & Fontes, P.S. for legal services. Refer to Finance Committee.

Airport: Pavement
Management System Study,
Pavement Consultants Inc

Transportation Division recommended approval of a consultant contract with Pavement Consultants, Inc. in the amount of \$71,080 to conduct a comprehensive pavement management system study for the airport. Refer to Transportation (Aviation) Committee.

MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS AMENDED TO REMOVE ITEM 7.d. FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERATION. CARRIED.

Separate Consideration

Item 7.d.

Finance: 2001 Budget
Amendments

Finance and Information Services Department recommended approval of a 2001 Budget Amendment Ordinance in the amount of \$7,750,000, which amends the budget for several funds, including appropriating \$4,000,000 for the Downtown Parking Garage; appropriating funds for Highlands neighborhood improvements and the 7th floor teleconference room; increasing the Insurance Fund; and placing money in reserve for meeting the requirements of Initiative 722 if necessary. Council concur.

Councilwoman Keolker-Wheeler expressed her concerns regarding moving forward with the Downtown Parking Garage (S. 2nd St. and Logan Ave. S.) proposal without knowing how the City is going to fund the remainder of the garage and what the total cost of the project will be.

Councilman Parker commented that at the Council retreat, he was under the impression that all Councilmembers were in agreement to move forward with the project with the understanding that the matter will be brought before the Council for final approval.

Councilmembers Persson, Clawson, and Corman spoke in favor of moving forward with the Downtown Parking Garage.

Mayor Tanner stated that the total cost of the project will not be known until the City goes through the competitive bidding process. He clarified that the Budget Amendment Ordinance sets aside \$4,000,000 in the capital fund for the project, and the money will not be used for any other purpose.

Councilwoman Keolker-Wheeler stated that she supports the Downtown Parking Garage project, but is also concerned about the other needs of the City, such as the swimming pool, and prioritization of those needs. Councilman Persson suggested discussing potential projects and funding for those projects at the next Council retreat. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEM 7.d. AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

Councilmembers Corman and Parker expressed their support for a swimming pool; but agreed that the Downtown Parking Garage is a higher priority project at this time. (See page 112 for ordinance.)

CORRESPONDENCE

Citizen Comment: Jahnke –
Aberdeen Ave NE Sidewalk
Installation

Letter and petition signed by 21 residents, received from Sue and Mac Jahnke, 1717 Aberdeen Ave. NE, Renton, 98056, requested that sidewalks be installed along Aberdeen Ave. NE concurrently with the installation of a new waterline, sewer line, and surface water lines. The letter stated concern for the safety of children who must walk on Aberdeen Ave. NE to attend Kennydale Elementary and McKnight Middle School. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, COUNCIL REFER THIS LETTER TO THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE. CARRIED.

Citizen Comment: Petersen –
Lake Washington Blvd,
Inadequate Signage

Electronic mail was read from Inez P. Petersen, 3306 Lake Washington Blvd. N. #2, Renton, 98056, stating that the signage along Lake Washington Blvd. is inadequate, pointing out that some signs are too close together while other necessary signs are missing. Ms. Petersen suggested that the signage be improved, not only along Lake Washington Blvd., but throughout the Kenndale neighborhood. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL REFER THIS LETTER TO THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE. CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS
Community Services
Committee

CAG: 01-009, Maplewood
Golf Course 17th Green
Reconstruction, Big League

Community Services Committee Chair Nelson recommended concurrence in the staff recommendation to award the contract for the Maplewood Golf Course 17th green reconstruction to Big League, Inc. in the amount of \$47,599.02.

The original budgeted amount was \$40,000. The additional funds will come from other Golf Course Capital Projects with no increase in the overall expenditures of the 424 account.

The Committee further recommended that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the contract. MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Transportation Committee

Transportation: Maple Valley
Hwy (SR-900) HOV/Queue
Jump Project, WSDOT

Transportation Committee Chair Persson presented a report regarding the Maple Valley Highway (SR-169), HOV/Queue Jump Project. The Transportation Committee met on April 3, 2001, and received a briefing from Transportation staff about the project and the pending General Contract Agreement (GCA) from Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) who will provide funding for the design phase in the amount of \$300,000.

WSDOT is in the process of creating the agreement, and when received, the City will prepare a resolution. The resolution will allow the City of Renton to enter into this agreement with WSDOT.

After receiving the briefing and upon the City Attorney drafting a resolution between the City of Renton and WSDOT, the Committee recommended that the Council authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the WSDOT agreement upon its receipt. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Finance Committee

Community Services:
Innovative Transportation
Concepts Lease, 200 Mill Bldg
(4th Floor)

Finance Committee Chair Parker presented a report recommending that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign a lease with Innovative Transportation Concepts, Inc. to lease a portion of the fourth floor in the 200 Mill Building. The five-year lease commences on April 15, 2001. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Finance: Vouchers

Finance Committee Chair Parker presented a report recommending approval of Claim Vouchers 191421 – 191985, and two wire transfers totaling \$1,681,881.73; and approval of Payroll Vouchers 30780 - 31009 and 541 direct deposits totaling \$1,049,220.72. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Utilities Committee

Franchise: King County,
Construct & Maintain Sanitary

Utilities Committee Chair Briere presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation that Council approve a franchise with King County allowing the Renton Wastewater Utility to operate, maintain, repair, and

Sewer Mains on County Roads construct sanitary sewer mains and service lines and appurtenances in, over, along, and under County roads and rights-of-way.

The Committee recommended that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the franchise with King County.

The Committee further recommended that the resolution regarding this matter be presented for reading and adoption. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED. (See later this page for resolution.)

Development Services: A-Frame Sign Ordinance

Noting that the Council had requested a status report one year after adoption of the A-Frame Sign Ordinance on March 6, 2000, it was MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL REFER THE A-FRAME SIGN ORDINANCE TO THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. CARRIED.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were presented for reading and adoption:

Resolution #3498

Franchise: King County, Construct & Maintain Sanitary Sewer Mains on County Roads

A resolution was read authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a franchise agreement with King County allowing the Renton Wastewater Utility to operate, maintain, repair, and construct sanitary sewer mains and service lines and appurtenances in, over, along, and under county roads and rights-of-ways. MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

Resolution #3499

Vacation: SE 2nd Pl between Lyons Ave SE & Nile Ave SE & Portion of Nile, VAC-01-001

A corrected resolution was read setting a hearing date on May 7, 2001, to vacate a portion of SE 2nd Pl. between Lyons Ave. SE and Nile Ave. SE and that portion of Nile Ave. SE 312.94 feet north of SE 2nd Pl. (Parkside Court Plat/Harbour Homes; VAC-01-001). MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

The following ordinance was presented for first reading and referred to the Council meeting of 4/16/2001 for second and final reading:

Finance: 2001 Budget Amendments

An ordinance was read appropriating monies from various fund balances, increasing the expenditures in various funds and departments, and increasing the 2001 Budget by \$14,110,000. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 4/16/2001. CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

Legislature: Senate Bill 4160, Transportation Improvements Local Option Funding

Council President Clawson reported that he, Councilman Parker, and Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator Gregg Zimmerman had addressed the Senate Transportation Committee in Olympia in support of Senate Bill 4160. He explained that the bill would provide the Puget Sound region with local option funding for transportation improvements.

Councilwoman Keolker-Wheeler added that the Suburban Cities Association is meeting this week to discuss the various transportation proposals that are pending in Olympia.

Community Event: Centennial Celebration Float

Councilwoman Nelson reported that the City's Centennial Celebration float will appear in the Daffodil Parade in Tacoma on April 21st.

King County: Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Levy

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL REFER THE SUBJECT OF THE KING COUNTY EMS LEVY PROPOSAL TO THE

Proposal**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE. CARRIED.**

Appeal: Monopole at N 30th
St, Kennydale Neighborhood
Association & AT&T Wireless

Larry Warren reported receiving notification that AT&T Wireless will withdraw its application and subsequent appeal to erect a monopole at 1321 N. 30th St.

AUDIENCE COMMENT

Citizen Comment: Lehnz -
Lande Feed Company Store
Demolition

Jessica Lehnz, 1921 Talbot Rd. S., Renton, 98055, expressed her opposition to the demolition of the Lande Feed Company store located at 95 Burnett Ave. S. Commenting that she is a frequent customer of the store, Ms. Lehnz stressed the importance of retaining historic structures in Renton.

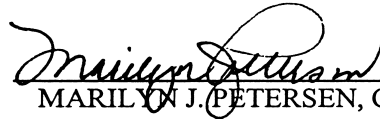
EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR 24 MINUTES TO DISCUSS A PERSONNEL ISSUE. CARRIED. Time: 8:46 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 9:10 p.m.; roll was called; all Councilmembers present.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL ADJOURN. CARRIED. Time: 9:10 p.m.



MARILYN J. PETERSEN, CMC, City Clerk